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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Switzerland

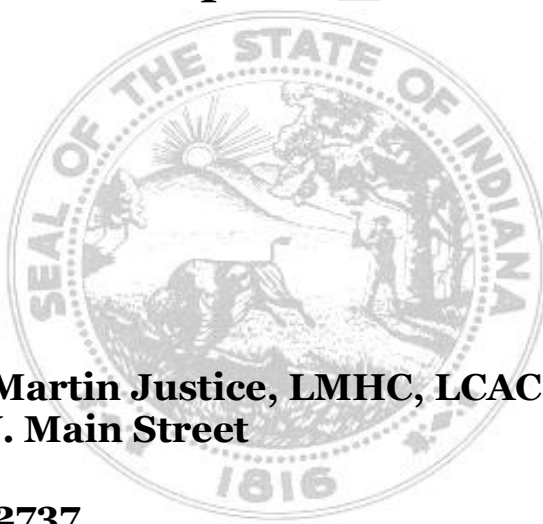
LCC: Switzerland County Awareness Team

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: Switzerland County Awareness Team (SCAT) is committed to the development of positive lifestyles for all Switzerland County residents and attempts to achieve this by: 1) networking with local agencies to increase awareness of substance abuse issues; 2) providing support for prevention, intervention and treatment programs and 3) by assisting local justice and law enforcement with tools for enforcement.

History: In Switzerland County, the LCC is known as the Switzerland County Awareness Team or SCAT. SCAT began in 1990 largely due to the efforts of a local judge, Judge John Mitchell. The initial membership was comprised of Judge Mitchell, two educators from the local extension office, a parent and a school principal. One of these founding members, Elizabeth Jones still remains active in SCAT.

SCAT prides itself on being a grassroots effort and has had an active membership that includes people interested in the mission of the organization and who have special investment in Switzerland County. Currently the membership includes people from the local mental health center, a nearby hospital, the extension office, a local church and area schools, to name a few. The current chairperson is a program director from the mental health center who manages the substance abuse and mental health services in Switzerland County. Because members live and/or work in the community, they keep pulse on the community's changing needs and can gear their efforts accordingly.

Switzerland County consists of 221 square miles of beautiful rural country that is separated from Kentucky by the Ohio River. There are numerous historic homes along the riverside in Vevay, which is one of only two towns in Switzerland County. The only traffic light in Switzerland County, in Vevay, is a recent addition which illustrates their smallness and roots to their past, a quieter life. The county's population rose from 9065 according to the 2000 census to 9508 in 2005, an increase of almost 5%. According to the 2006 census data, there was further growth to 9568. Of the residents 199 residents are under the age of 26 years old.

Of the 9568 residents, 2006 reports show 119 adults and children facing addiction and 41 women with addiction issues and pregnant. Indiana Family and Social Service data for period July 2007 to June 2008, reports that there were 54 people with addiction (including gambling) who were treated by the mental health center and another 7 who had addiction and a mental illness.

The majority of the residents (98.8%) are Caucasian with others being African American, Native American and Hispanic. There is also a small Amish population in the county. Unemployment figures for 2003 show an unemployment rate of 5.9% with an average income of \$18,040 per household according to information from the Indiana Youth Institute. In 2002 about 14% of residents were considered to be living in poverty. Farming, service and retail are some of the areas of employment. However, in the past five years, the largest change has been the additional of Belterra Casino on the river. Belterra

is now the largest employer in the area and has brought new comers to the community, both those who work at the casino and those who come to play. Resources from the casino were instrumental in the creation of the new YMCA which opened its doors to residents in 2002 and offered scholarships so membership was possible independent of a family's income. In the county, there are two elementary schools, a middle school and a high school as well as several churches and other social service agencies.

SCAT members utilize their knowledge of community issues to address concerns that are aligned with the LCC's mission. The resources for addressing problems emanate from the system set up by the legislation for LCC;s. Each year, the county auditor receives funds collected by the clerk of courts from fines assessed for drug and alcohol related offenses. A portion of these funds are allocated to the LCC. In 1994, SCAT used most of its funds to support a paid coordinator to lead SCAT's efforts. While this was effective at this time, the decision was made to create leadership within the volunteer membership in order to dedicate 100% of funding for programs to reduce drug and alcohol abuse and their effects on the community. In October of each year, SCAT solicits grant proposals. The grants committee reviews the proposals and makes a recommendation to fund those which best meet the objective of the Comprehensive Community Plan. These recommendations are passed on to the County Commissioners and the County Council who have final approval as to which projects will be funded. Funds must be distributed so that 25% of the funds are distributed in each of the three areas: prevention/education, treatment/intervention and criminal justice. The remaining 25% may be used for administrative purposes or may be placed in any one of the three previously list categories.

In 2005, with urging from SCVTA, the local school corporation agreed to participate in the IPRC Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use Survey. The survey was given to all students in grades 6 through 12 and resulted in 619 usable surveys. The finding were very valuable to SCAT and led to a decision to focus specifically on use of tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana because local rates of use of these substances were higher than state rates. The overall plan for SCAT is to develop strategies to reduce use among youth and to build an active and diverse coalition to promote substance abuse awareness.

For the past two years SCAT has submitted a grant proposal for the Drug Free Community Support program, but the attempt has been unsuccessful in securing funding. It is our intent to address issues raised by the reviewers to best position ourselves for future grants. Significant efforts are needed to continue to build capacity and the coalition in the community.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: Over the next three years SCAT will focus on the following issues throughout Switzerland County:

- (1) Ambivalence about gateway drug use
- (2) Heroin use remains high with few seeking treatment
- (3) There is a lack of education/awareness of ATOD issues throughout Switzerland County.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Switzerland County Awareness Team

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Nadja Boone	Kings Daughters Hospital	C	F	Medical
6	Amber Johnson	SIEOC	C	F	Prevention
8	Corinna Davies	Community mental Health Center	C	F	Treatment
12	James Richards, III	Vevay Police	C	M	Law Enforcement
13	Tina Keller	Safe Passage	C	F	Treatment
17	Marla Edwards	Switzerland County High School	C	F	Education
18	Pam Acton	Switzerland County Community Foundation	C	F	Prevention
19	Debbie Allen	Salvation Army	C	F	Treatment
20	Richard Lock	Switzerland County Sheriff's Department	C	M	Law Enforcement
21	Martin Justice	CMHC	C	M	Treatment
22	Deb Rantz	Head Start	C	F	Education
23	Tina Leas	CMHC	C	F	Treatment
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Problem Identification

(1) **A. Problem Statement #1:** Ambivalence about gateway drug use

B. Supportive Data:

1. 73.8% of parents report that they view underage drinking as inevitable, viewing it as a rite of passage.
2. 44.4% of respondents to a SELE3T survey report that they are aware of parents or adults who have hosted parties where alcohol is served or available to teenagers.
3. The Switzerland County Safety Commission reports continued evidence of students using substances..

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End of Year 2 Update:

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C. Goals:

1. By 2017, see improved efforts to utilize prevention efforts in the schools/community.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

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End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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D. Objectives:

1. Educate youth about effects/dangers of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana.
2. Educate parents/community members about effects/dangers of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana.
3. Utilize treatment grant funds to provide intervention programs and/or individual/family counseling to youth abusing alcohol.
4. Utilize grant funds to support law enforcement obtaining equipment and/or overtime patrol to increase police presences in hopes that this would lead more teens to substance abuse treatment.
5. Utilize prevention programs such as Life Skills to educate youth.

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A. Problem Statement #2: Heroin use remains high with few seeking treatment

B. Supportive Data:

1. Surrounding counties have identified a sharp rise in heroin use and death by overdose, reported by Dearborn, Jefferson, & Ripley County LCCs.
2. King's Daughters' Hospital reports a significant increase in heroin related admissions due to drug abuse, dependency and overdose
3. CMHC continues to see a decrease in court referred and self-referred individuals, with no other treatment providers in the area.

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C. Goals:

1. SCAT will fully engage in the SEL3CT efforts to develop a comprehensive response to heroin use
2. Work to improve cooperation of law enforcement, schools, treatment and prevention efforts

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End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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D. Objectives:

1. Fund grants to law enforcement that focus on apprehension of heroin users and those who are bringing heroin into the community.
2. Create awareness of the signs and dangers of heroin use throughout the community.
3. Host focus groups on the epidemic of heroin use

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A. Problem Statement #3: There is a lack of education/awareness of ATOD issues throughout Switzerland County.

B. Supportive Data:

1. CMHC reports 12 consumers seeking substance specific services, a decrease from previous years
2. No focused prevention efforts in the middle school/high schools.
3. It continues to be difficult to engage new members of the community for prevention efforts.

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C. Goals:

1. Engage at least one new partner per year to assist in spreading the SCAT message.
2. Continue ATOD related media spots as membership is able/willing.

3. Explore partnership/granting opportunity to do prevention efforts in the schools

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D. Objectives:

1. Participate in National Awareness campaigns such as Red Ribbon Week, Great American Smoke Out, etc.
2. Engage local media, inviting them to partner with our efforts
3. Identify membership who would be willing to establish a social media presence
4. Solicit prevention grants focused on the middle and high schools.
5. Consider hosting Prime for Life again
6. Educate public on consequences of specific alcohol and drug related charges.
7. Support evidence-based programming that provides prevention and intervention to students during school, financially and with resources.
8. Support with resources, positive youth activities and monitoring programs that offer positive lifestyle choices.

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Next Annual Update Due: October 2016

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: October 2018

Date of Community Consultant Review:

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